

Legislation addresses mismanagement and government waste

Washington, DC – Congressman Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) voted today to pass legislation (S. 3860) to require oversight on Arlington National Cemetery's management and contracts, to address the scandal of mismarked or inappropriately marked gravesites. The legislation was identical to a bill Braley introduced in the House (H.R. 6503). S. 3860 passed the House by a vote of 407-3, and is now headed to the President for signature.

"Arlington Cemetery is a national institution that symbolizes the service and sacrifice that makes America great, but the cemetery's scandals have made it a symbol of government incompetence," Braley said. "We have a responsibility to our nation's veterans to ensure that the management and practices at Arlington are of the highest standard."

News reports from June 2010 revealed errors at the cemetery with hundreds of unmarked graves, misplaced headstones and the burial of numerous cremated remains in a single gravesite. Braley's legislation calls for a series of reports from the Army and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to discover the extent of the grave discrepancies, accounting for the contracts issued to update records, and oversight of management reforms to prevent future errors.

Braley issued a statement for the record in support of S. 3860, a copy is [attached](#) .